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**Amendments to the Claims:** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:** 

Claim 1 (Currently amended): Portable surface treating apparatus

comprising a shaft part (12) with a handle part (13[[a0]]) by

means of which the apparatus can be guided on the surface to

be cleaned and a frame structure (22) having several rolls

(29, 31) about which an endless conveyor belt (27) for liquid

and dirt particles is arranged <del>characterized in that</del> wherein a

portion of the belt between the rolls (29, 21) abuts the

surface and is placed such that it is mainly parallel to the

surface the apparatus being provided with a scratching means

(41) for abutting the conveyor belt (27) and removing liquid

and dirt particles from the belt.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 1

wherein <del>characterized in that</del> the frame structure comprises a

mainly flat wall portion (26) that the conveyor belt (27)

abuts and that is mainly parallel to the surface.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 1

wherein <del>characterized in that</del> the frame structure is box

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shaped and encloses an electric motor (36) with a drive shaft (37) that by means of a gear transmits the driving motion of the drive shaft to at least one of the rolls (31).

Claim 4 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein characterized in that the frame structure supports a removable container part (39) in which liquid and dirt particles are collected.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein characterized in that the frame structure (22) supports a rocker arm (52) that is provided with an eccentrically supported roll (54) that is pressed against and rotates by means of the conveyor belt (27) the rocker arm being connected to and driving a pump (45).

Claim 6 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 5

wherein characterized in that the pump (45) is a membrane pump
that is integrated with a pump housing that is placed in the
container part (44) the pump housing being provided with a
liquid inlet (46) and a liquid outlet to which a check valve

(47) is connected.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 6

wherein characterized in that a filter (51) is placed

immediately before the liquid inlet.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein characterized in that the frame structure comprises at least two parts (22a, 22b) that are turnable with respect to one another and that when the parts are aligned with one another constitute a track for the conveyor belt (27) and which when the parts are angled with respect to one another admits that the conveyor belt is removed from the track.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein characterized in that the conveyor belt comprises a support layer (27b) with an outer micro fibre layer (27a).

Claim 10 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein characterized in that it comprises a removable container for cleaning liquid (16) and a removable collecting container (17) for dirty liquid the container for cleaning liquid being connectable to a nozzle in order to directly or indirectly supply a cleaning liquid to the surface.

Claim 11 (New): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the scratching means comprises an L-shape having a longitudinal leg (41a) and latitudinal leg (41c).

Claim 12 (New): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the scratching means (41) is rotatable about an axis that is parallel with the longitudinal leg (41a).

Claim 13 (New): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the scratching means (41) comprises at least one opening in the latitudinal leg (41c) allowing for cleaning liquid (16) to be in fluid communication with the container (39).

Claim 14 (New): Portable surface treating apparatus comprising a shaft part (12) with a handle part (13) by means of which the apparatus can be guided on the surface to be cleaned and a frame structure (22) having several rolls (29, 31) about which an endless conveyor belt (27) for liquid and dirt particles is arranged wherein a portion of the belt between the rolls (29, 21) abuts the surface and is placed such that it is mainly parallel to the surface the apparatus being provided with a scratching instrument (41) having a leg (41c) abutting the conveyor belt (27) and removing liquid and dirt particles from the belt.

Claim 15 (New): Apparatus according to claim 14 wherein the frame structure comprises a mainly flat wall portion (26) that the conveyor belt (27) abuts and that is mainly parallel to the surface.

Claim 16 (New): Apparatus according to claim 14 wherein the frame structure is box shaped and encloses an electric motor (36) with a drive shaft (37) that by means of a gear transmits the driving motion of the drive shaft to at least one of the rolls (31).

Claim 17 (New): Apparatus according to claim 14 wherein the frame structure supports a removable container part (39) in which liquid and dirt particles are collected.

Claim 18 (New): Apparatus according to claim 14 wherein the scratching instrument (41) has an L-shape and further comprises a longitudinal leg (41a), and wherein the leg (41c) is a latitudinal leg (41c).

Claim 19 (New): Apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the scratching instrument (41) is rotatable about an axis that is parallel with the longitudinal leg (41a).

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Claim 20 (New): Apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the scratching instrument (41) comprises at least one opening in the latitudinal leg (41c) allowing for cleaning liquid (16) to be in fluid communication with a container part (39).